

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

Women's Section—

Women's Coats Reduced

Women who have thought they could get along without new coats this Winter, are taking advantage of our big reductions to buy really fine coats at ridiculous prices. We are determined to clean up stocks, no matter what happens. Hence these reductions:—

\$15.00 Coats reduced to.....	\$10.00
\$16.50 Coats reduced to.....	\$12.50
\$20.00 Coats reduced to.....	\$15.00
\$25.00 Coats reduced to.....	\$15.00
\$32.50 Coats reduced to.....	\$20.00
\$35.00 Coats reduced to.....	\$18.50
\$35.00 Coats reduced to.....	\$25.00

Short Coats Formerly \$15 to \$30
Now Marked \$5 and \$7.50

Fine bargains among the full-length coats, Fur and Fur-lined coats, Tailored Suits, Costumes, Dresses, Skirts, Petticoats, Waists and Shoes.

Basement Section—

Shoes at Big Reduction!

We have sold more fine shoes this season than ever before! Hence the number of broken lines of our best sellers which go into this sale make the offerings the most attractive we have ever presented in January.

Men's \$3.50, \$4 and \$5 Shoes, \$2.95

Patent calf and patent cow bluchers in the season's smartest styles.

Men's \$6 J. & M. Shoes Now \$4.95

Broken lines of Johnson & Murphy patent lace and button shoes, regularly \$6.

Women's \$3.50, \$4 and \$5 Shoes, \$2.95

Broken lines of our most popular patent cow and dull calf bluchers, and button tan shoes with leather and suede tops.

Reductions on Men's Fur Caps

\$15 fur caps, reduced to.....	\$7.50
\$10 fur caps, reduced to.....	5.00
\$5 fur caps, reduced to.....	2.50
\$3 fur caps, reduced to.....	1.50
\$2 fur caps, reduced to.....	1.00

\$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 Neckwear

Reduced to 79c

All of our high-grade French four-in-hands and folded scarfs, new effects in Persian stripe and plain color silks, reduced to 79c

MEIGS & CO.
INCORPORATED

OUTFITTERS TO MEN WOMEN & CHILDREN
BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

The D. M. Read Co.

Established 1857.

January Clearance Sale, Continued

Values in Furniture, Carpet, Rugs, and China Ware. Furniture, pieces, in regular stock less 20 per cent.

Office Furniture, Globe-Wernicke Goods, and Dining Chairs reserved from the sale.

China Dinner Sets, Cut Glass, Lamps, Shades, and Fancy China, at 20 per cent. reduction.

Carpets of every kind at 10 per cent.

Matting, Linoleum, and Oil Cloth at 10 per cent.

Ardahan Rugs

20 per cent below regular

Size 6.9 x 9.9	worth \$23.00	at \$18.80
Size 9 x 10.6	worth \$30.00	at \$24.00
Size 9 x 12	worth \$35.00	at \$28.00
Size 11.3 x 12	worth \$45.00	at \$36.00
Size 11.3 x 14.3	worth \$52.50	at \$42.00

Carpet Store, first floor.

Upholstery Goods

Japanese Silk Mantel Drapes, with fringe and tinsel embroidery.

Value \$1.50 for \$1.00	Value \$3.50 for \$2.75
Value \$2.00 for \$1.50	Value \$5.00 for \$4.00
Value \$2.50 for \$1.75	Value \$6.00 for \$5.00
Silk Tapestry and Velour Mantel Drapes.	
Value \$2.00 for \$1.25	Value \$3.00 for \$2.00
Value \$2.50 for \$1.50	Value \$5.00 for \$3.50

Figured Drapery Silks

Faint Floral Designs, poppies, roses, sweet peas, rhododendrons and the like in attractive colorings, were 59 cts.

now 45 cts

Plain Silks that were 75 cts for 50 cts.

Third Floor, Carpet Store elevator.

Dinner Sets

English China, 112 pieces, was \$11.75 for \$ 9.40
112 pieces, was \$12.00 for \$ 9.60
112 pieces, was \$15.00 for \$12.00
Austrian China, 110 pieces, was \$19.50 for \$15.60

Veilings

A small group of fine Lace-made Veils, square and oblong, in brown, navy blue, and black, all very fine quality,

at half value.

Tuxedo Nets and broken assortments in Chiffon Veils, also at half value.

Velvet Remnants

Pieces 1½ to 6 yards, 59 cts. a yard.
Short pieces, 5 and 10 cts. each.

The D. M. Read Co.

Radford B. Smith
1072 Main St. DEPARTMENT STORE, 89 Fairfield Av.

"THE STORE TO FIND SCARCE ARTICLES"

COUPON GOOD

FRIDAY, JAN. 8

Less than half price, our
Largest 12-4 White
Blankets; regular price
\$3.95, with coupon,
\$1.89

OUR OTHER BLANKETS
HAVE SOLD SPLENDIDLY
THIS SEASON, BUT
THIS BIG ONE HAS
BEEN SLOW. WE WILL
SEE WHAT A BIG CUT IN
PRICE WILL DO.

WE TELL YOU OUR SECRETS

because we want your patronage

We realized that the people wanted "good" tea and coffee and we made our success by buying nothing but "good" tea and coffee—that's why we have nothing else to sell but

"GOOD" TEA and "GOOD" COFFEE

"The kind that people like"

VAN DYK'S BEST TEA.....	35c lb., 3 lbs \$1.00
REILLY'S BEST TEA.....	25c lb., 4 lbs 1.00
VAN DYK'S BEST COFFEE.....	25c lb., 5 lbs 1.15
REILLY'S BEST COFFEE.....	20c lb., 5 lbs 1.00

—THE SAVING IS YOURS—

JAMES VAN DYK COMPANY

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And Branch 1379 Main St., Between Arch and High Streets

Clearance Sale During January

20 PER CENT. DISCOUNT

On all Furniture Samples on sales floor, to make room for new 1909 designs.

CARPET DEPARTMENT

The new designs for Spring, 1909, in Rugs, all sizes, and Carpets of all kinds. Lace Curtains, Portieres, Window Shades, Linoleums, Oil Cloths, Matting, etc., we are showing in this department.

SPECIAL SALE

All drop patterns in Rugs and Carpets at
20 PER CENT. DISCOUNT

FULL LINE Standard Diaries, Blank Books, Stationery and Office Supplies to start the Year 1909 at the

POST OFFICE NEWS STORE 11 ARCADE

JOHN F. FAY, 239 FAIRFIELD AVE.

High class furniture, draperies and novelties, re-upholstering and refinishing furniture, shades and curtains in great variety.

All kinds of bedding made to order and made over. The only store of its kind in New England. Tele. 732-5.



MAKE 1909 YOUR PROSPEROUS YEAR

Berger offers for 10 days only this beautiful folding and reclining Teddy Cart for \$6.40 complete. Such a bargain you can never get in this town or any other town. Owing to the opportunity Berger had to

buy 500 of these carts at a price less than the actual cost he is willing to give the public the benefit. The same cart without the hood \$4.95. The above offer will be for cash only. Get them while they last.

You can find Berger at the

BRIDGEPORT HOUSEHOLD SUPPLY CO.

1346 MAIN STREET. Phone. Near Arch Street

Don't forget Berger's credit system. What the high rent stores charge you for cash, Berger will give you on easy weekly payments.

PASTOR MURDERED IN CHURCH

Body Cut up and Put into Stoves for Cremation.

Port Huron, Mich., Jan. 7.—In the lonely little Methodist church in the southwestern part of this county, where for three years he had preached the Gospel to his flock of fifty worshippers, the Rev. John J. Carmichael, of Adair met death Tuesday night after a furious battle with his as yet unidentified assailant.

Not contented with murder, the slayer of the minister dismembered the body and put the pieces into the two stoves of the church to be consumed.

Under cover of darkness the murderer is supposed to have driven the minister's horse to Pine River, where it was found hitched to a tree. In the carriage was Mr. Carmichael's overcoat and some of his other belongings.

The first information that murder had been committed in the church came yesterday when Myron Brown stepped into the building to escape the cold wind. Blood covered the floor, the pews and even the altar. One window was broken and a chair was smashed. Red stained undergarments which were later identified as having belonged to the Rev. Mr. Carmichael, were torn and scattered about the structure.

When the county authorities reached the church at noon they found the door locked and all things in the condition in which Brown had left them. It was then that the partially cremated body of the Rev. Mr. Carmichael was found. The stoves were bloodstained and their doors closed. Inside of each the officers discovered parts of the body.

In one of the stoves also was found what appeared to have been a new hatchet. The handle had been burned away. In the church was also found a large knife. In the opinion of the officers the minister had been stabbed to death following a battle in the church. His body, the authorities believe, was cut to pieces with the hatchet.

As far as could be learned the minister was without an enemy. That robbery was not the cause was proved by the finding of coins in the pockets of the charred garments and among the ashes in the stove.

BUSINESS PICKING UP

Former Bridgeport Newspaperman Recently Visited Industrial Centers and Felt the Pulse.

Charles H. Thompson, who was a member of the reportorial staff of the Morning Union eleven years ago and now the traveling representative of the New York Tribune is in this city looking after the interests of the Presidential Year number of the Tribune Almanac and Political Register. Mr. Thompson, who is a shrewd observer has just finished a visit to all of the large manufacturing towns and cities in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut. He says that industrial conditions are improving everywhere and that the impression among the manufacturers is that trade is going to be more brisk than ever.

A Sarsaparilla Free from Alcohol

Is alcohol a tonic? No! Does it make the blood pure? No! Does it strengthen the nerves? No! Is Ayer's Sarsaparilla a tonic? Yes! Does it make the blood pure? Yes! Does it strengthen the nerves? Yes! By asking your doctor you can learn more about this family medicine. Follow his advice.

Woodbury Postmaster.

Postmaster General Meyer has officially commissioned William L. Judson as postmaster at Woodbury.

HILL VS. BRANDEGEE

Former Still Gaining, While Latter is Losing Strength.

Hartford, Jan. 7.—The senatorial situation was the subject of universal discussion in political circles yesterday. The same conditions were noticeable as before—that the Brandegee men, while claiming victory, were ready to admit that Hill had made rapid progress and was still getting votes, while their candidate was losing what Hill got. Their claims involve a steadily shrinking majority for their candidate.

As for the speakership, there were two opinions on that question. The current belief is that most of the Brandegee element went for Mr. Banks, who came out the winner, but it is admitted that some of Mr. Hill's strong friends stood with those and were as much satisfied with Banks as were the Brandegee people, and some Brandegee men were for Malone. A story was circulated yesterday and seemed to have confirmation, that it was agreed in advance between Hill and the Brandegee backers of Banks that the senatorship question should be kept out of the way. Neither Banks nor Malone is known to have openly committed himself on this question during the canvass.

Meanwhile, the work for both Hill and Brandegee continues unabated, and will continue until 2 o'clock Tuesday next, when the caucus will be held. The Hill men grow more confident each day and the Brandegee men, while professing that they have "votes enough" to admit that their margin is less each day and that they are up against a most trying situation. They are confessedly very much worried and their minor echoes around the hotel lobbies are asking how Hill comes to get such strength. There were rumors of even betting in the hotel lobbies last night.

(Hartford Courant.)

We find Mr. Brandegee with a record of seven years at Washington, three in the House and four in the Senate, and practically nothing to show for all this except an alliance with the reactionary element with which the people of Connecticut have no sympathy at all; and Mr. Hill with a record of fourteen years in the House, where he has for years been one of the influential and trustworthy members, the man from this state to whom our people gave gone when they wanted things done, and the member on especially friendly and cordial relations with the administration. He is a personal friend of Mr. Taft.

The argument for Brandegee is that he hasn't done anything in the Senate but should stay there until he does; and then the same people turn about and say that Hill has done so much in the House that he should stay where he is. The two theories do not travel well together. Mr. Brandegee has no mortgage on the Senatorship. Platt and Hawley had to fight for their reelections every time, and won by reason of what they had done—not on any plea that they had not had time to do anything.

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KING EDWARD VEXED AT KAISER

WOULD ABANDON VISIT TO HIS NEPHEW IF CABINET WOULD LET HIM.

(Special from United Press.) London, Jan. 7.—The pressure of the British cabinet is the only thing today that keeps King Edward from abandoning the proposed trip of himself and the Queen to Berlin to visit his nephew, the Kaiser.

The Kaiser's New Year's speech in which the King thinks he took another fling at England, has greatly annoyed the King. In this speech the Kaiser referred favorably to an article written by General Von Schlieffen in the Deutsche Revue which warned Germany to beware of England.

The German Foreign Office says that this article has no political significance. The Kaiser's apparent approval of the article, however, has so incensed the King that were it not for the fact that the abandonment of the trip would be considered by Germany as proof of the latter's charge that England is trying to insult Germany, the forthcoming visit would be cancelled. The visit will likely be as short and formal as possible.

RELIGIOUS WAR SEEMS IMMINENT

INDIAN GOVERNMENT POWERLESS TO CONTROL SITUATION NEAR TITAGHUR.

(Special from United Press.) Calcutta, Jan. 7.—The situation at Titaghur which to-day is surrounded by hordes of furious Mohammedans bent on avenging the insults heaped upon them by the Hindus, has reached an acute stage and the Indian government seems powerless to cope with the situation. The Mussulmen are momentarily pacified by official promises of justice being done, the despoilers of their temple but are evidently planning a great demonstration during the coming feast of Mohuram when the adherents of the faith throughout India will sacrifice more cows than usual for the purpose of insulting the Hindus.

The government's main difficulty lies in its unwillingness to antagonize the Mohammedans, who are its most loyal subjects, and yet unless it takes strong measures to prevent more outbreaks between the warring factions there is every possibility of a widespread religious war.

The police and military still guard the town against attacks of the Mohammedan mobs which are being forced every hour. The authorities are acting strictly on the defensive and trying not to incur the wrath of either side but small conflicts are of frequent occurrence.

"AMONG THE BREAKERS."

The young men and young ladies of the St. Paul's parish have come out again with another drama and will offer to the public this time "Among the Breakers", a drama in two acts. The playing of the St. Paul's young folks needs no mention to the Bridgeport people as they have appeared so many times before. At every performance a crowded house is always the result. Two performances will be given starting to-morrow night, Thursday, and Friday evenings. The plays are given in the St. Paul's parish house on Beach street.

Tax of 15 Mills.

Harwinton has levied a tax of 15 mills which will raise about \$7,500.